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Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) : 'FI-54PCT Docket No. J.S. Application No. International Application No.: PCT/EP03/07810 July 18, 2003 International Filing Date. July 26, 2002 and August 19, 2002 Priority Dates Claimed DEVICE FOR ADVANCING DRILLINGS IN THE GROUND Title of Invention Applicant(s) for (DO/EO/US) Michael Mohrmann Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: $1.\underline{X}$ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2.___ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. X This express request to begin national examination procedures 35 U.S.C. 371 (f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set forth in 35 U.S.C 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). 4 ___ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. 5. \underline{X} A copy of the cover sheet of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]. a) χ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b) ___ has been transmitted by the international Bureau. c) ___ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. ___ A translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C.371(c)(2)]. 7. ___ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C.371(c)(3)]. a) ___ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b) ___ have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c) ___ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d) have not been made and will not be made. 8. ___ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C.371(c)(3)]. 9. \underline{X} An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C.371(c)(4)]. **UNSIGNED** 10. ___ A translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report. Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. ___ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 198. 12. ___ An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. X A FIRST preliminary amendment. __ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. ___ A substitute specification. 15. ___ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. X (other items or information) Three (3) sheets of drawings EXPRESS MAIL No .: EV 424 022 125 US Deposited: January 26, 2005

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express mail under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450. Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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S. Application No. (if known. see 37 C.F.R. 1.50): nternational Application No.: PCT/EP03/07810 7. X The following fees are submitted: BASIC NATIONAL FEE [37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)]:	Page 2 Docket No: FI-54PCT
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a) X A check in the amount of \$ 1,100.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b) — Please charge my Deposit Account No. 11-1835 in the amount of \$ to cover the above for A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c) X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1835. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.	•
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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 36 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive [37 must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Friedrich Kueffner 317 Madison Avenue Suite 910 New York, NY 10017	